

# Outdoor Report

The week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015



*South Dakota*



## Wildlife Division

**"Serving People, Managing Wildlife"**

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- Caution is still needed on ice, especially around ice heaves, open water and near springs. Anglers are strongly urged to avoid these areas altogether.
  - The 2015 light goose conservation order runs from February 14<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, statewide. Pamphlets are now available at the GFP offices and license agents.
  - Anglers are reminded that all fish houses, shelters and other structures must be removed from the ice. Fish houses, shelters and other structures may be used but must be removed from the ice on a daily basis.
  - Season is closed for Walleye, Pike and Black Bass on all MN/SD border waters until April 18<sup>th</sup>.
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## Brown County



### Fishing Report:

**Richmond Lake:** Anglers have been catching bluegill, crappie and some small walleye. Most of the walleye are less than 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. The ice conditions have improved, but there are still some weak ice areas by the west and north bridges. Anglers who have been fishing by the Youth Camp have had the best success.

**Elm Lake:** Anglers have been catching northern pike, perch, crappie and walleye. The fishing has been inconsistent. Most of the walleye being caught are less than 15 inches, so bring your measuring boards. Most fishermen have been fishing the south end of the lake.

**James River:** Anglers have been catching some walleye by the gates at Sand Lake Refuge.

**Elm River:** No fishing activity.



## Hunting Report:

**Coyotes:** There are good numbers of coyotes in Brown County. Coyote hunting is a good way to pass the winter months, especially since all other hunting seasons have closed.

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## Clark County



### Fishing Report:

**Dry Lake #2:** Fishermen are catching a few perch, walleye and northern pike. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave on the north side of the lake.

**Dry Lake #1:** The perch and walleye bite has slowed down, but fishermen are still catching a few fish. Fishermen should use caution around the ice heave at the southwest portion of the lake.

**Swan Lake:** Little activity.

**Baileys Lake:** Fishermen are catching a few walleye and perch.

**Mankey's Slough:** Fishermen are catching a few perch and walleye.

**Indian Springs:** Fishermen are catching a few nice walleye, perch and the occasional northern pike.

**Cottonwood:** Fishermen are catching a few perch and northern pike.

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## Codington County



### Fishing Report:

**Pelican Lake:** Pelican continues to have slow fishing activity this week.

**Lake Kampeska:** Fishing has slowed down on the north end of the lake by City Park. Fishermen are reporting catching a few perch and crappie with some walleye thrown into the mix.

**Dry Lake:** Anglers are still having luck catching walleye on the road beds at night, as well as some nice sized northern pike.

**Goose Lake:** Anglers have experienced a good perch bite with perch ranging from 6 to 9 inches. There were a few walleye being caught in the early evening hours.

**Long Lake:** Anglers are reporting catching a few small walleye, but overall, it's a slow bite.

**Blythe Slough:** Anglers are reporting some perch, but the bite has been pretty slow.

**Grass Lake:** No angler reports.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Pond:** Still offering good opportunity in and around town to catch bluegill, trout or sunfish.

**Stink:** A few small perch are being caught, but the fishing has been slow.

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## Day County



### Fishing Report:

**Bitter:** Fishing on Bitter Lake has been relatively slow over the past month, but a few fishermen have been able to catch some concentrated groups of perch and walleye. The majority of the walleye being caught are less than 15 inches minimum so make sure to measure each walleye.

**Waubay:** Waubay Lake has experienced a very irregular bite, but fishermen have had some success catching perch near School Bus Point, but the bite has again been very concentrated with many anglers having little success.

**Reetz:** The bite continues to be minimal, although the opportunity to catch a trophy walleye, smallmouth bass, crappie or perch is possible. **Reminder: there is a 28 inch minimum on walleye with a daily limit of one.**

**Lynn:** Fishing pressure on Lynn Lake and Middle Lynn Lake has slowed over the past few weeks. Fishermen who are having success are catching trophy sized walleye, but in low numbers and irregularly throughout the day.

**Enemy Swim:** The pan fishing on Enemy Swim Lake continues to be productive for those anglers searing for bluegill and crappie, but angler success has dropped. The smallmouth bass can be a great alternative to fishing for pan fish on the lake.

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## Deuel County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Alice:** Fishing has been kind of slow. Anglers are primarily catching northern pike. A few walleye and perch are being caught, but overall, there hasn't been much of a bite.

**Lake Cochrane:** A few crappies are being caught. Anglers have also been catching a fair amount of bluegill and perch throughout the day. Most of the perch are small, but there are a few keepers mixed in.

**Lake Oliver:** No activity.

**Lake Francis:** Little to no activity.

**Lake Ketchum:** Small perch are being caught.

**Clear Lake:** No activity.

**Fish Lake:** Fishing has been slow.

**School:** Northern pike are being caught in the shallow water near shore.

**Round:** No activity.

**Bullhead:** No activity.

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## Faulk County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Faulkton:** Fishing activity is slow.

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## Grant County



### Fishing Report:

**Big Stone Lake:** Fishing remains pretty slow but anglers are catching a few perch. **Remember the walleye, northern pike, large and small mouth bass season is closed until April 18.**

**Summit Lake:** No activity.

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## Hamlin County



### Fishing Report:

**Lake Poinsett:** Slow activity at Poinsett the last week. Fishermen are spread out catching a few perch. The walleye bite has been minimal.

**Fedt Slough:** Pretty active bite on small perch.

**Three Buck:** The perch bite was quite active with smaller sized perch being caught. Some walleye and northern pike have been caught as well. This is a great lake for the kids to experience an active bite.

**Clear Lake (Thomas):** Another slow week on Clear.

**Lake Albert:** Anglers have reported catching a few small walleye on Lake Albert, but the bite has slowed down.

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## Marshall County



### Fishing Report:

**Opitz:** Good perch and walleye bite. The perch that are being caught are of good quality, in the 11 to 14 inch range. **Reminder: 2 walleye daily limit with a 15 inch minimum.**

**Cattail:** Slow.

**South Buffalo:** Some very nice northern and the occasional walleye and perch are being caught.

**Piyas:** Slow.

**Roy:** Slow.

**Clear:** Slow.

**White:** Slow.

**Clubhouse Slough:** A few perch are still being caught, but very slow.

**South Red Iron:** A few smallmouth bass and walleye are being caught.

**North Buffalo:** A few walleye have been caught, but overall, slow.

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## McPherson & Edmunds Counties



### Fishing Report:

**Scatterwood Lake:** Fishing has slowed down with very little activity.

**Mina Lake:** Anglers are picking up a few perch, bluegill and northern pike. Fishing is slow, but anglers are getting a few bites.

**Eureka Lake:** Anglers are catching a few perch. Fishing is slow, but anglers fishing all day will end up with a few perch.

**Anderson Slough:** Fishermen are catching a few perch. Most perch are in the 6 to 9 inch range. A few bigger perch have been caught.

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## Roberts County



## Fishing Report:

**Lake Traverse:** Activity has slowed greatly due to the border water closure. **Remember the walleye, northern pike, large and small mouth bass season is closed until April 18.**

**Dry Wood Lake:** Anglers are finding a few walleye and perch, but activity is very slow.

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## Spink County



## Fishing Report:

**Twin Lake:** The walleye bite has been fair after dark. Anglers are catching a few keeper sized walleye. The main boat ramp access has a large heave blocking access. There is a LARGE portion of open water near the island and between the two points on the north end of the lake.

**Mud Lake:** No fishing activity.

**Cottonwood Lake:** The only access that is useable is along Highway 26 on the west side of the lake. All other accesses have large ice heaves blocking them.

**Redfield Lake:** No fishing activity.